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1. DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN INFORMED BY DOD THAT NAVY HAS WOODEN HULLED LCVP'S THAT COULD BE MADE AVAILABLE FOR SALE TO BDF AT APPROXIMATE COST DOLS 30-35K EACH (INCLUDING REHABILITATION TO MAKE BOAT FULLY OPERATIONAL). NAVY, HOWEVER, DOES NOT RECOMMEND THE WOODEN HULLED CRAFT FOR BDF BECAUSE OF POTENTIAL HULL PROBLEMS DUE DRYROT AND OTHER PROBLEMS OF PERSIAN GULF MARINE ENVIRONMENT. IN ADDITION, SALE OF WOODEN HULLED LCVP'S WOULD REQUIRE NOTIFICATION TO CONGRESS IN ACCORDANCE WITH BYRD AMENDMENT.

2. RECOMMENDED ALTERNATIVE IS PROCUREMENT OF FIBRE GLASS LCVP'S THROUGH NEW CONSTRUCTION. ESTIMATED COST WOULD BE
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DOLS 90K EACH WITH LEAD TIME OF UP TO 16 MONTHS.

3. UPON FORMAL REQUEST OF BDF, NAVY WILL DETERMINE FIRM
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